

REMARKS

The applicants filed an amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 on May 10, 2006 in the above-referenced matter. In an Advisory Action dated June 5, 2006, the Examiner indicated that the amendment would not be entered because it raised new issues and would not be entered for purposes of appeal. The Advisory Action further states that the Request for Reconsideration has been considered but does not place the application in condition for allowance because "The Applicant's argument draw to the new scope of the claims because the dependency has been changed."

In a voicemail message to the Examiner, the Applicants requested clarification and noted, for example, that the amendment to claim 1 simply included the limitation from claim 4. In a response of the voicemail message, the Examiner indicated that the incorporation of claim 4 into claim 1 changed the dependencies of other claims that dependent from claim 1.

While the applicants do not dispute that the claim dependencies are changed, the introduction of the limitations from claim 4 narrow the scope of claim 1. Furthermore, the applicants note that the Examiner had previously requested greater clarification regarding the nature of portions of the extracted header that are compressed. The applicants have provided that additional limitation by incorporating the limitation of claim 4 into claim 1.

The applicants further note that the previous Office Actions do not contain a discussion of claim 4 that addressed the specific limitations of claim 4. Specifically, the Office Action dated September 26, 2005 discusses a rejection of claims 3, 4, 11, 12, 19, 20, 26, 27, and 29-31. In discussing those claims, the Office Action states that "Jonsson does not explicitly show the compressed relevant portion of the extracted header will be transmitted to a remote unit with a payload wherein the header compressor not compressing portions of the header that will not be transmitted to the remote unit with the payload." The Office Action further states that "In discloses the compressed relevant portions of the extracted header will be transmitted to a remote unit with a payload wherein the header compressor not compressing portions of the header that will not be transmitted to the remote unit with the payload."

For the record, claim 4 recites "the header compressor compresses only a payload type header field." Claim 4 is not directed to transmitting or not transmitting portions of an extracted header. Thus, the Office Action does not discuss the limitation of claim 4. Similarly, claims 12 and 20 were directed to compressing payload type header fields only and are unrelated to the rejection discussed in the Office Action of September 26, 2005.

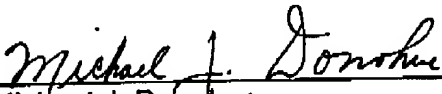
The applicants respectfully request entry of the amendment for purposes of appeal. The amendment filed on May 10, 2006 merely incorporates the limitations of dependent claims and places the application in better condition for an appeal.

If questions remain regarding this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (206) 628-7640.

Respectfully submitted,

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